y>th October NEW PLAYS AT THE ROSE

At the Rose this month were three new plays, being *The s* The Wonder of a Woman* and *Barnardo and Fiametta.*

ist November THE ACCOUNT OF SIR WALTER RALEGH'S VOYAGE

Sir Walter Ralegh hath now brought to completion and seat the account of his voyage to Guiana to the Lord Admiral

After leaving Plymouth last February, he reached the island of Trinidad on 22nd March, where there is an abundance of stone pitch at a point called Tierra de Brea or Piche, wherewith he made trial in trimming the ships, for this pitch melteth not with the heat of the sun as the pitch of Norway Thence by night he attacked a Spanish city called St Joseph which they tookj together with a Spanish gentleman called Berreo who was the governor there and hath travelled in Guiana, whom Sir Walter used very courteously as his prisoner When this Berreo learned that Sir Walter would make his way up the river to see Guiana he was stricken with great melancholy and sadness, using all the arguments he could to dissuade him, and saying that they could not enter any of the rivers with their barks or pinnaces, it was so low and sandy Further, none of the country would come to speak with them, but would all fly, and if followed would burn their dwellings , and besides, that winter was at hand when the nvers begin to swell, and that the fangs and lords of all the borders of Guiana had decreed that none of them should trade with any Christians for gold, because the same would be their overthrow, and that for love of gold the Christians meant to conquer and dispossess them of all together

When Sir Walter had by experiment found Berreo's words to be true he resolved to go on with the boats, and a galego boat, cut down and fitted with banks to row on Into the galego were thrust sixty men, in three other boats and in Sir Walter's own barge ten a piece, making 100 in all With this company, having passed over some twenty miles of rough sea, they entered one of the nvers which their guide declared would take them into the great river of Orenocjue ? and there might they have been lost in the labyrinth of nvers but by chance they